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SUBJ: ISRAELI HARASSMENT OF AMOCO DRILLING OPERATIONS IN GULF OF SUEZ

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1. ROSS CRAIG OF AMOCO HAS JUST PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH LATEST INFORMATION ON CURRENT INCIDENT IN GULF OF SUEZ. AT 7 P.M. LOCAL ISRAELI GUNBOAT APPROACHED AMOCO WORK BOAT AND REMINDED IT OF 7:30 A.M. FEB 16 DEADLINE FOR RETRIEVAL OF OFFENDING ANCHORS. GUNBOAT CAPTIAN ASSERTED HE KNEW THERE HAD BEEN QTE DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES ALL DAY LONG UNQTE, BUT DESPITE THIS HE REITERATED QTE GET YOUR ANCHORS OUT OF OUR WATERS UNQTE.

2. CRAIG SAYS AMOCO DOES NOT INTEND TO MOVE UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED; HE IS CURRENTLY AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM CHIC-
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AGO HEAD OFFICE. CRAIG SAYS RIG AND WORK BARGE ARE BOTH WEST OF SO-CALLED MEDIAN LINE AND ISRAELIS ARE ARGUING OVER THREE ANCHORS WHICH MAY BE EAST OF LINE, INCLUDING ONE WHICH BARGE HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO SET. SIX OF SEVEN PLANNED ANCHORS HAVE BEEN SET TO HOLD RIG AND CRAIG SAYS THEY COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE LIFTED BEFORE 7:30 A.M. DEADLINE EVEN IF AMOCO STARTED TO DO SO NOW, WHICH HE IS NOT WILLING TO DO. CRAIG CONCLUDES THAT DEADLINE WILL

BE CROSSED AND AMOCO IS PREPARED TO STAY, THOUGH HE SAYS HIS CREW OF EXPATRIATES IS A BIT NERVOUS.

3. CRAIG ALSO RELATED THAT AT 11:30 THIS MORNING THREE EGYPTIAN GUNBOATS APPEARED AT SCENE AND WERE JOINED BY THREE ISRAELI GUNBOATS. AMOCO ASKED EGYPTIAN GUNBOATS TO LEAVE, WHICH THEY AND TWO OF ISRAELI GUNBOATS DID ABOUT 2 P.M. AS OF 7 P.M. ONE ISRAELI GUNBOAT REMAINED IN AREA. EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI GUNBOATS APPARENTLY STAYED ON THEIR OWN SIDES OF EPHEMERAL MEDIAN LINE AND NO INCIDENTS OCCURED.

COMMENT. DESPITE HIS ASSERTED DETERMINATION TO KEEP WORKBOAT ON SITE, HE AS WELL AS ITS CREW ARE SHOWING SIGNS OF STRAIN.
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